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The 2007 Columbus Week Celebration

From Grand Central Terminal and Vanderbilt Hall to the illuminating Italian tricolors atop the Empire State Building to the 63rd Annual Columbus Day Parade up Fifth Avenue, New York will be awash in a joyous celebration Italian heritage and culture during the 2007 Columbus Week Celebration.

The events are organized by the Columbus Citizens Foundation, a non-profit organization in New York City committed to fostering an appreciation of Italian-American heritage and achievement. The Foundation, through a broad range of philanthropic and cultural activities, provides opportunities for advancement to deserving Italian-American students through various scholarship and grant programs. In 2007, the Foundation is providing financial aid to 849 students from the elementary school through graduate school levels. The Foundation has organized New York City's Annual Columbus Day Parade since its inception in 1929. For additional information, please visit www.columbuscitizensfd.org.

Lidia's Italian Kitchen

Monday, October 1 to Saturday, October 13
8:00 AM to 10:00 PM
Vanderbilt Hall East, Grand Central Terminal
42 St. and Park Ave.

Lidia Matticchio Bastianich, the cooking show host, cookbook author, owner of five restaurants in the United States, and Grand Marshal of the 2007 Columbus Day Parade, headlines an all-star cast of Italian and American chefs who will give cooking demonstrations in Vanderbilt Hall that coincide with the Columbus Week Celebration. Ms. Bastianich and her colleagues will illustrate the fine points of pasta, sauces and presentation of a variety of authentic Italian dishes. The demonstrations are free and seating is open to the public on a first-come-first-served basis and will be set against a backdrop of mural-sized photographs of Italy. At other times during the exhibition, product displays will be offered. Cuisinart, De Cecco, Parmigiano Reggiano Cheese and Saporeitalino Importing Company are sponsoring the exhibition and demonstrations.

Please note that the cooking demonstrations will be held from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM as follows:

Schedule: October 2: William Gallagher, executive chef of Becco
 October 3: Lidia Bastianich
 October 4: Fortunato Nicotra, executive chef of Felidia
October 5: Mark Ladner, chef/partner in Lupa Osteria Romana and Otto Pizzeria and
 executive chef at Del Posto

Italy on Tour

Monday, October 1 to Saturday, October 13
8:00 AM to 10:00 PM
Vanderbilt Hall West
Grand Central Terminal

Italy will come to spectacular life in an exhibition sponsored by its regions, provinces and cities. The video tour will be projected on a panoramic, 45-foot wide by 13-foot tall screen and include breathtaking aerial footage. Among the sponsors of *Italy on Tour* are the Regions of Abruzzo and Friuli-Venezia Giulia, the Province of Benevento in the Region of Campania, and the City of Milan.

Banda della Guardia di Finanza – Free Concert in Grand Central Terminal

Friday, October 5
Main Concourse
8:30 PM to 9:15 PM (approximately)
Grand Central Terminal
42nd St. and Park Ave.

The Italian ensemble of 102 conservatory-trained musicians brings its enchanting instrumental arrangements of Italian arias and classic American songs to Grand Central Terminal in a lead-up to the Columbus Day Parade.

Annual Gala Dinner

Saturday, October 6
Reception begins at 6:30 PM, Dinner and dancing at 7:30 PM
Grand Ballroom • Waldorf-Astoria Hotel
Park Ave. at 50th St. 6:30 PM to Midnight

A special guest performance by Katharine McPhee, *American Idol* recording star, will highlight an evening of trans-Atlantic friendship. Dinner and dancing, with music provided by the Hank Lane Orchestra, are among the other great pleasures of the evening, which also celebrates Grand Marshal Lidia Bastianich; Special Honored Guest from Italy,

Clemente Mastella, Minister of Justice; and Honoree Kara DioGuardi, BMI 2007 Pop Songwriter of the Year.

The Gala will feature a powerful, capacious, luxury Maserati *Quattroporte*. The raffle is being sponsored by Maserati.

Wreath Laying at Columbus Circle

Sunday, October 7

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Columbus Circle

59th St. and Eighth Ave.

A decades-old tradition, the Annual Wreath Laying takes place at the foot of the Columbus Monument and pays tribute to the immigrants who helped create the United States. The *Banda della Guardia di Finanza* will give a brief performance as well.

Columbus Day Mass

Monday, October 8

9:30 AM to 10:45 AM

St. Patrick's Cathedral

Fifth Ave. between 50th and 51st Sts.

A solemn Mass celebrated by Edward Cardinal Egan remembering Christopher Columbus and the many and varied communities and groups that are now part of the United States. Doors open for general admission at 9:15.

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63rd Annual Columbus Day Parade

Monday, October 8

11:30 AM to 3:00 PM (Approximately)

Fifth Ave., from 44th St. north to 79th St.

Italian and Italian-American dignitaries, folk dancers, street performers, and bands join members of New York's civil service departments in a colorful display of heritage, culture, tradition and innovation that includes 35,000 marchers. Dignitaries include Lidia Matticchio Bastianich, Grand Marshal; Clemente Mastella, Italian Minister of Labor and

the 2007 Special Honored Guest from Italy; and Kara DioGuardi, BMI 2007 Pop Songwriter of the Year and Honoree. Italian rock star, composer and arrange Zucchero headlines the performances on the Red Carpet. The sponsors of the Columbus Day Parade include Maserati, TD Ameritrade, Piaggio/Vespa, Gabelli Funds, Sweet 'N Low, HSBC Bank, the Italian Regions of Calabria, Lombardy and Sicily, Generoso Pope Foundation, Pepsi USA, Commerce Bank, Perillo Tours, Richmond County Savings Foundation, Casa Building Material,

Raffle of a Maserati *GranTurismo*

Grand Central Terminal

October 15

7:00 PM

The sleek, Maserati *GranTurismo* is one of the first 10 being imported into the United States this year and is reserved exclusively for Maserati VIPs. It is a rare gem among cars: powerful 4.2 liter, V8 engine (0-60 is achieved in 5.1 seconds!), sleek world-class Italian design by Pininfarina and luxury appointments that include 20" Birdcage design rims, titanium calipers, a Friuli-Venezia Giulia navigation system, a Bose surround sound system and a multimedia system with a 30 GB hard drive. The *gran turismo* tradition began for Maserati in 1947 at the Geneva Auto Show where the Modenese racing firm presented the sleek A6 *GranTurismo*. Styled by well-respected coach constructor Pininfarina, it was the first pure road going Maserati after 33 years producing competition cars.

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